



## The Next Generation

Discussion Guide | November 17, 2019

Psalm 78:1-8

### Questions for Study and Discussion

\*\*Before you begin, please read Psalm 78:1-8 as a group.

1. Who spent time investing in you when you were younger (for example, when you were a child or just starting out in a career)? How did their influence make a difference in your life?
2. Answer the following questions from what you read in Psalm 78.
  - How does this passage show us the importance of reaching the next generation?
  - From verses 4-5, what are the things we should be passing along to the next generation? What might it look like to apply these verses in your own efforts to reach the next generation?
  - Look at verses 6-8. From these verses, what prayerful goals are we pursuing as we invest in the next generation? How can you keep these goals central, amidst any other goals you may also have as a parent or as you reach the next generation?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9.
  - How does this passage reinforce what you read in Psalm 78:1-8?
  - What does this passage add to our understanding of reaching the Next Generation? How practically can you apply this in your own life?
4. Why is the next generation worth valuing and investing in? What happens if we DON'T value this?
5. In Question #1 you already identified someone who made a difference in your life, by investing in you when you were younger. How can their example motivate you to intentionally invest in the next generation?
6. What are the biggest challenges to investing in the next generation? Work as a group to identify at least 6-8 challenges.
7. Which of these challenges have you faced personally, as you think about investing in the next generation? How can you respond to these challenges in a God-honoring way?
8. What we learn in Psalm 78 drives us as a church to the value of "The Next Generation." What are we already doing as a church family to embody this value? Are there ways we can continue to grow in this value as a community of Christ-followers?
9. In what ways can you embody this value personally in your life? What can this look like in your life this coming week?
10. **Challenge: Memorize Psalm 78:4:** "...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done."